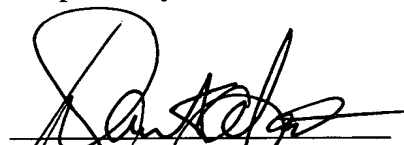


REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted herewith to reduce multiple dependencies and to conform the claims more closely to U.S. practice.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and early and favorable processing in the National Phase before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is courteously solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) The method according to claim[s] 1 [to 5], wherein said indicator is a purified form naturally occurring in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Podospora anserina* or a fungus, a recombinant form, an analog, a mutant, or a fragment of said indicator.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 [to 5], wherein said indicator is a biological indicator, a biochemical indicator, or a chemical indicator.